BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-504-W/S - ORDER NO. 1999-201

MARCH 17, 1999

IN RE:	Chickasaw Association, Inc.,)	ORDER RULING ON DISCOVERY MATTERS
	Complainant,))	
	VS.)	
	Hartwell Utilities, Inc.,)	
	Respondent.))	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on three matters relating to this complaint docket.

First, Hartwell Utilities, Inc. (Hartwell or the Company) has filed a Motion for leave to take depositions of certain of its customers. Chickasaw Association, Inc. (the Association), has filed a response to the Motion. We note that one of the proposed deponents was an officer of the Association, and some are not. Such Motions are made pursuant to our Regulation 103-852. Under that Regulation, if the Commission deems the request meritorious, it may issue an Order designating the individual whose deposition may be taken. We hold that the taking of the deposition of Roderick Fuller, President of the Association, on the nature of water and sewer utility problems as regards Hartwell is certainly meritorious. Therefore, Fuller's deposition may be taken. However, we do not think that the request to take the other depositions is meritorious, since we believe that

the information to be obtained is likely to be duplicative of that to be furnished by Fuller.

The Motion is denied as to those deponents.

Second, Hartwell has requested an extension of time in which to answer certain Interrogatories propounded by the Association. We deny the Motion, and hold that the original designated time was ample.

Please take notice that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This T. Badly
Chairman

ATTEST:

Law 5 Wald Executive Director

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